

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE THE REMAINS OF COL. CLAUDIUS CROZET ON THE VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE CAMPUS, CITY OF LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

1. APPLICANT:

Col. Keith Gibson
Virginia Military Institute

2. PROPOSED WORK AND NEED FOR RELOCATION: The applicant proposes to carefully relocate the modern galvanized metal vault containing the remains of Col. Claudius Crozet to another location on the VMI campus. Previously buried at Shockoe Hill Cemetery in the City of Richmond, Col. Crozet's remains were relocated to the VMI campus in 1942. Recent construction-related ground disturbance unexpectedly exposed and damaged a portion of the vault. VMI has determined that the proposed relocation is necessary in order to avoid further damage and to allow ongoing construction of the adjacent Scott Shipp Hall to continue.

Pursuant to the requirements of VA Code §10.1-2305, the applicant has requested an emergency burial permit through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to allow the immediate excavation and relocation of the aforementioned vault. A copy of the application and permit may be requested from DHR.

The excavation will be monitored by a professionally qualified archaeologist, who will also inspect the reburial location. At no time will the modern concrete vault be opened or the coffin or remains of Col. Crozet exposed. The vault will be reinterred at a location directly in front of the east entrance of completed Scott Shipp Hall, and its monument reinstalled.

3. COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the following:

Col Keith Gibson, Preservation Officer, VMI, 415 Letcher AVE, Lexington, VA 24450; and

Joanna Wilson Green, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221 or by email at burialpermits@dhvr.virginia.gov.

Written comments should be received by the close of business on July 10, 2020. All comments will receive written response.

4. CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Col. Keith Gibson, gibsonke@vmi.edu; 415 Letcher Ave, Lexington, VA.